

ABSTRACT

MECHANISM FOR CONSTRUCTING PREDICTIVE MODELS THAT ALLOW INPUTS TO HAVE MISSING VALUES

A method for constructing predictive models that can be used to make predictions in situations where the inputs to those models can have values that are missing or are otherwise unknown. The method can realize significant advantages because it can be readily applied in conjunction with any method for constructing models, including ones that require all input values to be known, thereby yielding combined methods for constructing models that tolerate missing values.